

Annual ceremony recognizes top performers

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio — The Air Force Research Laboratory recognized outstanding accomplishments of its top performers at the fifth annual AFRL Corporate Awards Luncheon July 22 in Rome, N.Y.

Both team and individual award winners were selected from finalists in each of the AFRL directorates. Finalists and winners were chosen by the AFRL corporate award selection board and approved by AFRL Commander Brig. Gen. Perry L. Lamy.

“The 11 award categories were hotly contested by an outstanding group of individuals and teams,” General Lamy said. “All of AFRL commends the finalists in each category, and we are proud of our association with each of them. These men and women lead the AFRL team as we continue our support to the Air Force of the future.”

Beginning the presentations was the award for Administrative Excellence (Individual) presented to Chanda Smith, Propulsion Directorate, Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Ms. Smith’s long list of accomplishments include updating laboratory storage procedures, creating a library for frequently accessed references, and managing an inventory of more than 3,000 chemicals.

Tech. Sgt. Joe Robinson, Human Effectiveness Directorate, Brooks City-Base, Texas, garnered the Senior Administrative Excellence (Individual) Award for his focus, dynamic organization abilities and extensive fiscal/management acumen.

The Mission Support (Team) Award was presented to the 30 members of the Air Force Health Study Support Team, Human Effectiveness Directorate, Brooks City-Base, for their support of an internationally recognized Air Force epidemiological health study.

The Mission Support (Individual) Award was accepted by Charles McClenahan, Munitions Directorate, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., for his innovative ideas and efforts at keeping the Massive Ordinance Air Blast program on track.

Marc Masquelier, Sensors Directorate, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, received the Leadership (Individual) Award for his outstanding guidance to a 20-person team that executed a \$120 million classified program to field vital homeland defense capability.

The Senior Leadership (Individual) Award went to Lt. Col. Kevin Craig, Sensors Directorate, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in part for leading a Secretary of the Air Force directed program valued at \$60 million in FY03 and \$500 million over the future years.

The Critical Pulsed Detonation Engine Experiment Team, in the Propulsion Directorate, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, earned the Scientific/Technical Achievement (Team) Award for completing the first ever pulsed detonation engine demonstration under simulated supersonic flight conditions.

The Scientific/Technical Achievement (Individual) Award was presented to Dr. Morris Dilmore, Munitions Directorate, Eglin Air Force Base, for developing and transitioning Eglin Steel to the BLU-121B program.

Dean Lawry, Directed Energy Directorate, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., received the Scientific/Technical Management (Individual) Award, in part, for bringing the PING Ultra-Wideband Target Identification System from concept to successful working prototype.

The Commander’s Cup (Team) Award went to the Active Denial Technology Team and the Battlefield Air Operations Team. The Active Denial Technology Team, with members from the Directed Energy Directorate at Kirtland Air Force Base, and the Human Effectiveness Directorate at Brooks City-Base, received recognition for their work on the world’s longest range and AFRL’s #1 non-lethal weapon technology.

The Battlefield Air Operations Team, with members from AFRL technology directorates all over the United States, significantly enhanced AFRL’s image to warfighting customers through visionary cross-

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directorates efforts that enable a truly transformational approach to quickly mature and transition technologies.

This year's Commander's Cup (Individual) Award went to both Capt. Michelle Rauch-Johnson, Propulsion Directorate, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and Dr. Peter D. Klupar, Space Vehicles Directorate, Kirtland Air Force Base.

Captain Rauch-Johnson's list of accolades includes leading the branch safety/environmental assessment program, orchestrating joint research with the Air Force Institute of Technology and the University of Dayton, and helping the government save \$15 million through her aircraft fuel microbial contamination research.

Dr. Klupar is recognized for single-handedly developing four separate flight programs. He also led a team to develop a payload to track a boosting ICBM, which later turned into a \$100 million space-based Kinetic Boost Phase Intercept program. @